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REMARKS:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3, 4, 7 and 18 have been amended, claims 1-2, 5-6, and 8-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 3, 4, 7 and 18 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Response.

In the Office Action mailed July 26, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8-17, and objected to claims 3, 4, 7 and 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 3, 4, 7 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, this amendment cancels claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8-17 and rewrites claims 3, 4, 7 and 18 in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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